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202-236 E. Cross St. (North side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1845-1885

The north side of the 200 block of E. Cross St. was developed in an easterly moving direction, beginning from the corner of William St. and moving easterly towards Riverside Ave. John T. Grindall built a row of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses at 202-210 E. Cross St. in the late 1840's, contemporaneously with the similar row he built to the north along William St. Of this group only 204 and 208 E. Cross St. retain their original exterior form; 202, 206, and 210 E. Cross St. have been enlarged and are now three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. 212-222 E. Cross St. is a group of three story, mainly three bay wide brick houses (the exceptions are 214 and 216 which are only two bays wide), with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1870's to served a mixed commercial/residential function, as they do today. The original Victorian storefront is still intact (though deteriorated) at 212 E. Cross St. and is noteworthy as being one of the few surviving Italianate-style storefronts in the area. At 224-232 E. Cross St. there is a group of two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1880's by Nicholas Popplein. To the east, at 234-236 E. Cross St. is a pair of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice, built by Popplein in the same period.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 212-214 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED (212)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip, code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story brick houses with shed roofs and modillion cornices are the second structures to occupy this site, replacing two story gable roofed houses built in the 1840's. The first floor area of 212 Cross seems always to have served as a store-front. 214 Cross has been covered with formstone.

The houses are three stories in height. 212 Cross is three bays wide (about 18') and 214 Cross is two bays wide (13 1/2'), and both occupy lots 60' deep. The houses are constructed in running bond. The shed roofs are capped by a continuous wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of grooved modillions set above a row of smaller modillions. Three brackets support the cornice (for the pair) and connect it to a lower molding strip thus forming a brick frieze area. (The lower molding strip is missing from 214 Cross St.) 212 Cross is eight bays deep with no rear additions. 214 Cross has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition which has a later second story one bay deep bathroom addition projecting out over the rear yard. Both houses have double hooded chimneys located along the east side of the rear portion of the roof. 214 Cross also has a rear end chimney located at the north end of the rear addition.

The second and third story window openings of 212 Cross St. have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. Although the formstone covering hides the original treatment of the lintels and sills at 214 Cross, it can be assumed that 214 Cross also had splayed brick lintels and wood sills. The doorway of 214 Cross, however, seems to have had a segmentally arched brick lintel. The window openings at 212 Cross are currently boarded over; those at 214 Cross are filled with the original 4/4 double hung sash. 214 Cross has a Mission-style door set beneath a single light transom. 212 Cross St. is currently vacant with restoration contemplated. The building retains its original store-front but the openings have been boarded. The door was centrally located and set beneath a single light transom. The doorway was flanked by two three-sided plate glass shop windows set on paneled wood bases, the corners of each shop window marked by engaged columns with acanthus capitals. A wooden cornice extends across the entire store-front and consists of a deeply projecting crown molding decorated with incised dentils and set above panels decorated with scroll-sawed motifs and bordered by a row of cut-work scallops. Nine brackets support the cornice, the two end brackets being especially long. A delicate wrought iron balcony projects from the second story level, the roof of the store-front cornice forming the floor of the balcony. The entrance to the store-front is reached directly from the sidewalk.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1870-75

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John T. Grindall

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of buildings is significant as being representative of the second phase of commercial/residential construction in the area surrounding the Cross St. Market, being built in the 1870's in the then popular Victorian style, with shed roof and bracketed cornice. This type of building served the same function as its pre-Civil War, gable-roofed predecessors, the first floor area serving as a store-front and the upper two floors serving as a residence for the family operating the store below, or to provide rental income for the landlord. Most of these houses have separate street entrances to the private residential quarters above. The facade of the store-front area of 212 Cross St. is contemporary with the construction of the building and provides a valuable example of the original appearance of the type of store-fronts that at one time lined the streets surrounding the Market.

The houses were built by John T. Grindall as part of his development of the western section of the block bounded by William St., Cross St., Riverside Ave., and Grindall St. (see also under 1029-1035 William St.) The houses were sold in 1875 to a Frederick Grauel, who operated an apothecary shop at 212 Cross St. and probably rented 214 Cross St. to tenants.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GR 701, Folio 278; Baltimore City Directory, 1876

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13'6" x 60' (214); 21'6"x60' (212)**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

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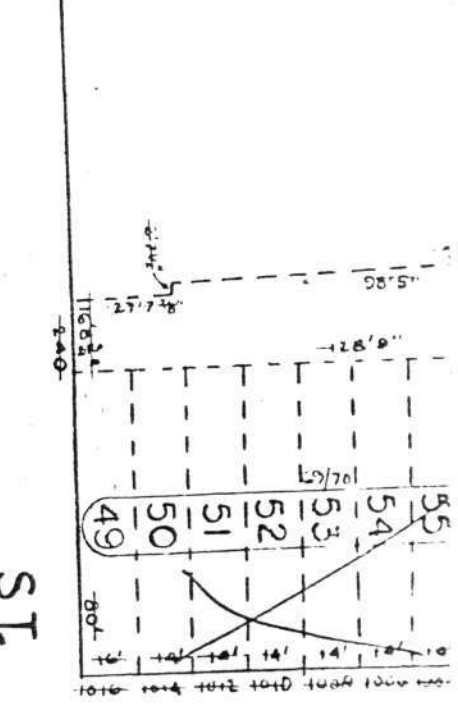
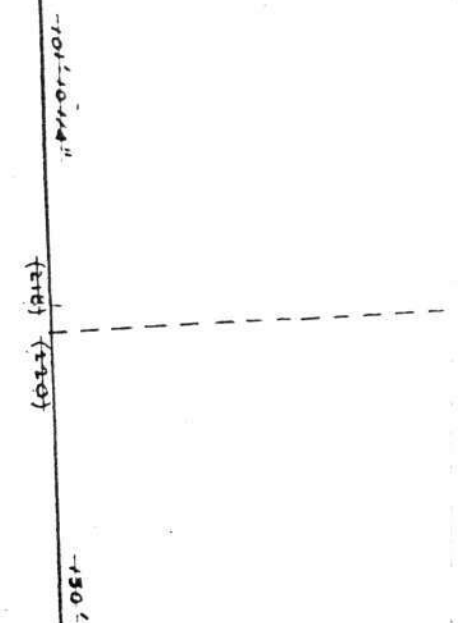
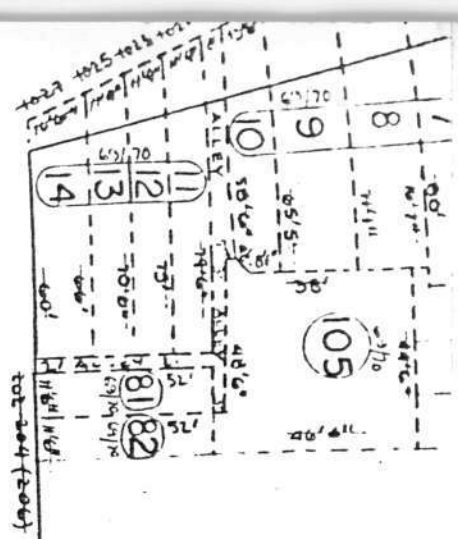
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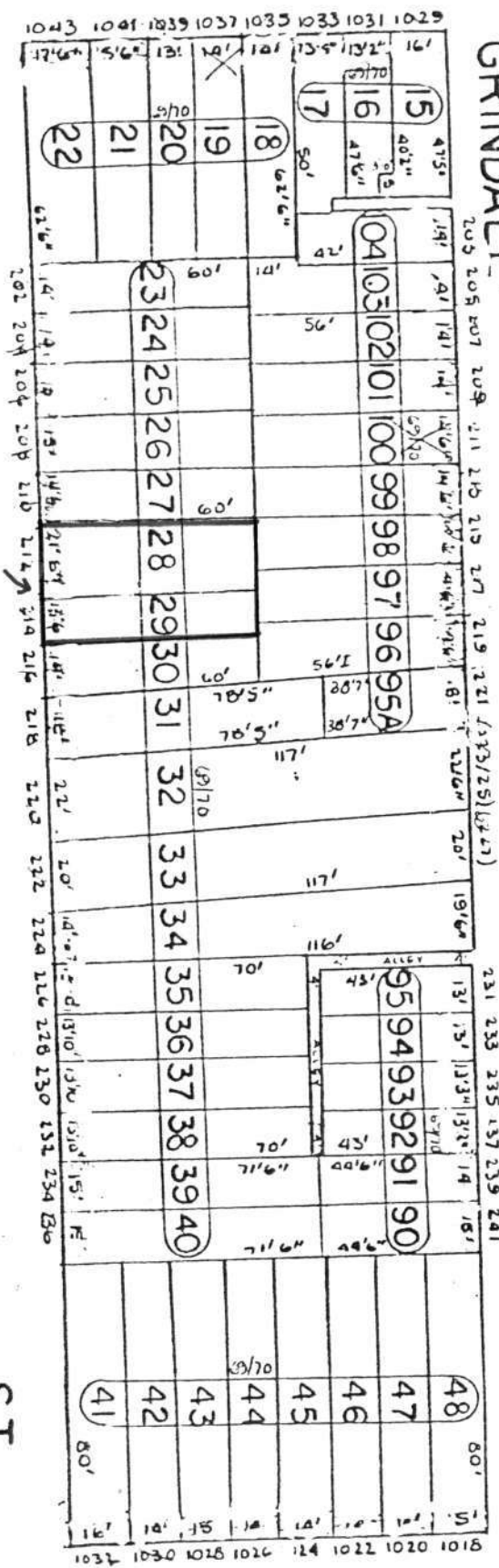
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E. CROSS

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RIVERSIDE



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SHEET IN SET-3

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CITY OF

B-3391
212-214 E. Cross Street
Block 0937 Lots 028-029
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3391 212-214 E. Cross St.

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South elevation